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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JANUARY 11, 2000

PETITION OF

PEOPLES MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

and

CASE NO. PUA990081

MJD VENTURES, INC.

For authority pursuant to
§ 56-88.1 of the Code of Virginia

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On December 23, 1999, Peoples Mutual Telephone Company ("Peoples Mutual ") and MJD Ventures, Inc. ("MJD Ventures"), (collectively, "the Petitioners") filed a joint petition requesting approval pursuant to § 56-88.1 of the Code of Virginia of a proposed transaction whereby MJD Ventures will acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of Peoples Mutual.

We are of the opinion that public notice should be given and interested persons should have the opportunity to comment and request a hearing on the joint petition. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Petitioners shall promptly make a copy of their joint petition and supporting materials available to the public who may obtain a copy of the joint petition, at no charge, by

requesting it in writing from counsel for the Petitioners at the address detailed below.

(2) Any interested person wishing to comment on the joint petition shall, on or before February 9, 2000, address such written comments to: Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and refer to Case No. PUA990081.

(3) On or before February 9, 2000, any person desiring a hearing in this matter shall file a request for hearing in writing with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and shall refer in his or her request to Case No. PUA990081. Any request for hearing shall detail reasons that such issues cannot be adequately addressed in written comments.

(4) A copy of such comments and requests for hearing shall simultaneously be sent to counsel for the Petitioners as follows: Richard D. Gary, Esquire, Hunton & Williams, Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219-4074.

(5) The Commission Staff shall review the joint petition and shall file, on or before February 14, 2000, a report detailing the results of its investigation.

(6) The Petitioners shall respond to written interrogatories within five (5) calendar days after receipt of same. Except as modified above, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

(7) On or before January 25, 2000, the Petitioners shall publish the following notice as classified advertising, once in newspapers of general circulation in Peoples Mutual's service territory.

NOTICE OF PETITION OF PEOPLES MUTUAL
TELEPHONE COMPANY AND MJD VENTURES, INC.,
FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF A
VIRGINIA TELEPHONE COMPANY

Peoples Mutual Telephone Company
("Peoples Mutual") and MJD Ventures, Inc.
("MJD Ventures"), (collectively, "the
Petitioners") filed a joint petition with
the State Corporation Commission requesting
approval of a proposed transaction whereby
MJD Ventures will acquire all of the issued
and outstanding shares of Peoples Mutual.

A copy of the above-referenced joint
petition is available for inspection during
regular business hours at the State
Corporation Commission, First Floor, Tyler
Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond,
Virginia. Interested persons may obtain a
copy of the joint petition, at no charge, by
requesting a copy in writing from the
Petitioners' counsel at the address noted
below.

Comments on the joint petition must be
submitted in writing to Joel H. Peck, Clerk,
State Corporation Commission, P.O. Box 2118,
Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before

February 9, 2000. Requests for hearing must also be received by the Clerk on or before February 9, 2000. Requests for hearing shall state why a hearing is necessary and why such issues cannot be adequately addressed in written comments.

All correspondence should refer to Case No. PUA990081. A copy of the comments or requests for hearing must also be sent to counsel for the Petitioners as follows: Richard D. Gary, Esquire, Hunton & Williams, Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219-4074. If no sufficient request for hearing is received, a formal hearing may not be held.

PEOPLES MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY
and MJD VENTURES, INC.

(8) The Petitioners shall forthwith serve a copy of this Order on the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of any county and upon the Mayor or Manager of any county, city, or equivalent officials in counties, towns, and cities having alternate forms of government in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Service shall be made by first-class mail or delivery to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(9) On or before February 9, 2000, the Petitioners shall provide the Commission with proof of notice required in Ordering Paragraphs (7) and (8).